Treasury Department
July 19th 1860

Sir

Your letter of July 18th has been received.

As the Local Inspectors of Steamboats at New Orleans have been instructed to inform you exactly what kinds of alloy they want and what quantities of each kind, it will probably be best not to send them any alloy by express till you hear from them.

If they act with the promptitude with which they ought to act, this will cause a delay of only a few days.

Very respectfully

Howell Cobb

Secretary of the Treasury

To

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Hon. Howell Cobb
Sec'y Treasury

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